Urban District Council of Tonbridge

ANNUAL REPORT

for 1969

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

HEALTH COMMITTEE

(Constitution at 31st December, 1969)

* Chairman of Council Councillor G.H. Bentall
* Councillor Mrs. B.G. Penruddocke (Chairman)
Councillor Cmd. G.H. Wren (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Mrs. B.A. Apted
Councillor J.D. Burt, A.R.I.B.A.,
Councillor D.W. Edwards
Councillor T.B. Ives
Councillor R.D. Large
Councillor W.H.J. Mann, J.P.
Councillor J.K. Ord-Hume
Councillor Mrs. C.L. Watts

* Members on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee

One other Member of the Council to act as Standing Deputy on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R.G. BRENNEN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

DOROTHY N. IRONSIDE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H

(Also Assistant County Medical Officer, Kent County Council)

CLERICAL STAFF

Mrs.D.E. Tebbit
Mrs.E.M. Tibbles
Miss V. Marsden

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Chief Public Health Inspector:
J.H. Elphick (a, d and g)

Additional Public Health Inspectors:
D.A. Barmby (b, d and e)
K.R. Wagener (a and d) appointed 1.10.69

Public Health Inspectors' Clerk:
Miss M.E. Bristow

Rodent Operator:
P.Maughan

(a) Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board
(b) Certificate of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board
(c) Diploma of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board
(d) Meat and Other Foods Inspection Certificate of the Royal Society of Health
(e) Smoke Inspectors' Certificate of the Royal Society of Health
(f) Sanitary Science Certificate of the Royal Society of Health
(g) Diploma, Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
(h) Diploma of Shops Acts Administration
(i) Royal Society of Health Certificate in Meat Inspection

Mr.R.C. Spalding, M.A., F.R.I.C., acts as County Analyst for the District

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT.

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Tonbridge

To the Chairman and Members of the Tonbridge Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the District for 1969.

The estimated mid-year population of the District, given by the Registrar-General, was 28,970, an increase of 130 over the mid-1968 figure.

The total number of registered live births was 531 (268 males and 263 females), this figure being lower than last year's total of 589. The crude birth rate was 18.3 per 1,000 population, the corrected birth rate being 17.9, compared with 16.3 for England and Wales.

The number of deaths from all causes totalled 289 (143 males and 146 females). The crude death rate per 1,000 population was 10.0. The corrected death rate for the District was 9.5 compared with 11.9 for England and Wales.

Deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 8, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 15.0. The rate for England and Wales was 18.0 The Neo-Natal death rate (the number of deaths of infants under four weeks) was 9.0

There were 16 deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus (13 males and 3 females), compared with 20 last year.

The number of notifiable infectious diseases recorded in the District was 30, compared with 112 in 1968.

On page 17 of this Report figures are given showing the number of persons immunised and vaccinated during the year under review. This information is supplied by the County Medical Officer, to whom I offer my thanks.

From the beginning of October the Mass Radiography Unit commenced fortnightly visits to the town and during the three months, October, November and December, the number of persons X-rayed was 640 (only one visit was made in December because of the Christmas holiday).

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, my colleagues and fellow officers who co-operated in the preparation of this report, and Mr. Elphick the Chief Public Health Inspector, who contributed the details of environmental sanitation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. G. BRENNEN

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area:	4,599 acres
Population:	
R.G.'s Estimate mid 1969	28,970
R.G.'s Estimate Mid 1968	28,840
Density of population:	
i.e., number of persons per acre	6.3
Number of inhabited houses:	9,901
Rateable Value:	£1,230,748
Sum produced by a penny rate:	£4,850

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1969

			Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area.
LIVE BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	114	295	100	64	258	259	290	1,380
		Female	94	284	91	66	265	252	291	1,343
		Total	208	579	191	130	523	511	581	2,723
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	6	21	8	6	14	9	33	97
		Female	11	18	7	8	11	11	32	98
		Total	17	39	15	14	25	20	65	195
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS			225	618	206	144	548	531	646	2,918
CRUDE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 of mid year population 1969			13.6	13.8	11.3	14.7	18.6	18.3	14.4	15.1
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General			1.26	1.07	1.13	1.14	1.03	0.98	1.10	-
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE			17.1	14.8	12.8	16.8	19.2	17.9	15.8	-
STILL BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	1	5	2	-	4	1	2	15
		Female	3	5	1	1	3	5	5	23
		Total	4	10	3	1	7	6	7	38
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
		Female	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
		Total	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS			4	12	3	1	8	6	7	41
STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births			17	19	14	7	14	11	11	13.9
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS			229	630	209	145	556	537	653	2,959

		Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
INFANT DEATHS (under one year)	Male	1	2	3	2	6	5	7	26
	Female	1	5	-	-	6	3	4	19
	TOTAL	2	7	3	2	12	8	11	45
INFANT MORTALITY RATES:									
All infants per 1,000 live births		9	11	15	14	22	15	17	15.4
NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births		0.0	8	10	14	15	9	14	10.6
EARLY NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births		0.0	8	10	14	11	9	12	9.6
PERI-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births		17	27	24	21	25	20	23	23.3
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEATHS	Male	108	213	101	57	154	143	278	1,054
	Female	88	208	131	83	149	146	443	1,248
	TOTAL	196	421	232	140	303	289	721	2,302
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 of mid year population 1969		11.8	9.4	12.8	14.3	10.3	10.0	16.0	11.9
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar General		0.89	0.96	0.77	0.83	0.85	0.95	0.55	-
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE		10.5	9.0	9.9	11.9	8.8	9.5	8.8	-

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Other Tuberculosis	-	2	2
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	2	1	3
Syphilis and its Sequelae	1	-	1
Meningococcal Infection	-	1	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.,	3	5	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	6	5	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	24	14	38
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	19	45	64
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	83	24	107
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	50	50
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	12	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	18	-	18
Leukaemia	8	4	12
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	72	63	135
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	4	3	7
Diabetes Mellitus	3	10	13
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	-	3	3
Anaemias	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Blood, Etc.,	-	4	4
Mental Disorders	1	1	2
Meningitis	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.,	9	13	22
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	4	17	21
Hypertensive Disease	15	28	43
Ischaemic Heart Disease	291	253	544
Other Forms of Heart Disease	46	95	141
Cerebrovascular Disease	104	216	320

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tunbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	-
3	2	7	1	3	4	-	2	7	2	4	-	-	3
-	2	8	10	2	4	-	2	2	6	3	7	4	14
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
9	5	15	5	7	3	7	1	16	2	13	3	16	5
-	4	-	12	-	5	-	7	-	9	-	3	-	10
-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	5
2	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	7	-
-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	2	1	1	2
9	6	17	11	8	14	3	4	10	4	9	8	16	16
1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-
1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	4	-	1	-	2	3	1	2	1	3	3
-	1	1	3	1	3	-	3	1	2	-	-	1	5
2	4	4	5	1	3	-	1	2	3	3	6	3	6
34	15	57	41	28	19	18	15	32	33	46	32	76	98
2	9	9	13	3	9	4	5	5	6	5	13	18	40
8	17	21	32	2	11	6	15	10	32	19	26	38	83

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	60	108	168
Influenza	15	14	29
Pneumonia	69	102	171
Bronchitis and Emphysema	61	17	78
Asthma	2	-	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	17	16	33
Peptic Ulcer	6	8	14
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	6	8	14
Cirrhosis of Liver	4	1	5
Other Diseases of Digestive System	8	17	25
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	6	9
Hyperplasia of Prostate	8	-	8
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	9	14	23
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	1	2
Diseases of Musco-Skeletal System	4	7	11
Congenital Anomalies	11	6	17
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour,Etc.,	4	1	5
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	5	6	11
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	9	16	25
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14	7	21
All Other Accidents	6	14	20
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	9	4	13
All Other External Causes	5	2	7
TOTALS	1,054	1,248	2,302

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tunbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
11	7	12	14	5	20	3	4	8	14	8	10	13	39
-	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	7	1	-	-	4	6
7	3	9	18	11	14	4	6	8	8	8	9	22	44
8	-	16	4	7	2	2	2	7	2	4	4	17	3
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	3	2	4	1	-	2	1	1	3	2	5	8
-	2	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	3
1	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	3
-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	2	5	1	4	2	2	1	-	1	1	1	4
-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	2
2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
1	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	1	9
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	2	2
1	-	-	2	3	-	1	-	4	1	-	3	2	-
-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	3
-	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	4	2	-	3	4	5
1	-	3	2	-	2	1	1	6	1	1	-	2	1
1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	10
-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	1	4	1
-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	-
108	88	213	208	101	131	57	83	154	149	143	146	278	443

CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 24 hours	1 day to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	TOTAL
Congenital Anomalies	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour Etc.,	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	3	2	-	-	-	5	2	-	1	-	8

DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	20 - 34 years		35 - 44 years		45 - 64 years		65 - 74 years		75 years and over		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1960	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	1	3	-	9	1
1961	-	-	-	-	7	1	3	2	4	-	14	3
1962	-	-	-	-	3	1	7	3	2	-	12	4
1963	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	1	2	11	2
1964	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	1	1	13	1
1965	-	-	1	-	3	-	6	1	1	-	11	1
1966	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	1	3	-	11	2
1967	-	-	-	-	2	2	7	-	3	-	12	2
1968	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	3	6	-	17	3
1969	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	2	6	1	13	3
TOTALS	-	-	1	-	36	5	56	13	30	4	123	22

AGES OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Total cases (all ages)	Under 1 year	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25-44 yrs.	45-64 yrs.	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	15	-	4	5	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Tuberculosis												
Pulmonary	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1
Meninges & C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	30	-	4	7	2	2	7	3	2	2	-	1

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	5
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Measles	2	3	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	-	3	15
Dysentery	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis													
Pulmonary	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Meninges & C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	6	-	-	-	5	4	2	4	1	1	3	30

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS - SUMMARY OF CASES

	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Cases on register at beginning of year	102	9	74	13	198
Cases added	3	-	3	-	6
Cases removed	4	-	2	-	6
Cases remaining	101	9	75	13	198

NUMBER OF DEATHS AND DEATH RATES FROM TUBERCULOSIS
DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total Deaths	Rate per 1,000		TOTAL
	No. of cases notified	Deaths	No. of cases notified	Deaths		Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
1960	6	1	-	-	1	0.05	0.00	0.05
*1961	10	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
1962	3	-	-	1	1	0.00	0.04	0.04
1963	6	-	2	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
*1964	6	2	2	-	2	0.08	0.00	0.08
1965	6	1	1	1	2	0.04	0.04	0.08
*1966	4	2	3	-	2	0.07	0.00	0.07
1967	4	1	-	-	1	0.03	0.00	0.03
*1968	3	1	-	-	1	0.03	0.00	0.03
1969	3	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00

* Denotes year Mass Radiography Unit visited the District

Since October Minature Mass Radiography Unit attends on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6.p.m at River Walk.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1969 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY						REINFORCING					
	Triple Antigen	Diph-theria Tetanus	Small-pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio mye-litis	Triple Antigen	Diph-theria Tetanus	Small-pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio mye-litis
1969	11	-	-	-	1	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	180	4	314	-	54	283	14	1	-	-	-	-
1967	17	-	-	1	130	52	73	50	-	4	-	-
1966	3	-	-	1	108	36	99	61	-	3	-	-
1965	3	1	-	-	81	17	9	20	-	6	-	28
1964	3	2	-	-	48	-	98	229	-	6	-	336
1962/63	2	2	-	-	37	-	35	96	-	10	-	165
1953/61	-	17	-	87	13	-	7	28	30	145	-	45
TOTAL:	219	26	314	89	472	406	335	485	30	174	-	574

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936
as amended by the Nursing Homes Act,1963)

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:		
		Maternity	Others	Total
Homes registered during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at end of year	-	-	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention)

No action was necessary under these Enactments during the year.

Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory Service, under the Directorship of Dr.A.L. Furniss, provided excellent facilities during the year for the examination of specimens and full co-operation with the staff was maintained. Valuable facilities are also available in the Pathological Departments of the following hospitals: Kent and Sussex, Pembury, Sevenoaks, and Orpington.

Staff Medical Examinations

During the year twentyfour medical examinations were carried out for the District for superannuation purposes.

International Vaccination Certificates

There is an increasing demand for the authentication of doctors' signatures on International Vaccination Certificates. In connection with international travel, persons arriving in this country from infected or suspected areas without valid certificates are kept under surveillance by the Health Department.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

provided by the Kent County Council

Ambulance Facilities

Enquiries relating to ambulance service matters and requests for ambulance transport are dealt with by the Kent County Council Ambulance Service from their station at 86a, Speldhurst Road, Southborough. (Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23222)

Principal Welfare Officer

Mr.G.H.Foster,
Kent County Council District Office,
39, Grove Hill Road,
Tunbridge Wells (Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23342)

Domiciliary Midwifery

The County Council arranges for the free attendance of midwives upon patients who are to be confined at home. The name and address of the appropriate midwife for any particular district is usually known to the patient's doctor, but can be obtained from the District Office of the County Council.

Home Nursing Service

The County Council provides a service free of charge for the attendance on persons whose doctors require them to be nursed in their own homes. The nurse's attendance is normally arranged by the doctor, but the name and address of the appropriate nurse for any particular district is obtainable from the District Office of the County Council.

Domestic Help Service

Domestic help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally subnormal, aged or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Area Domestic Help Organiser	-	Miss L.McEwan, 39, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23342
District Domestic Help Organiser	-	Mrs.J.Gill, Registrar of Births & Deaths Office, Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge. Tel. Tonbridge 2561

Night and Evening Service

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and who need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

Family Care Service

After consultation with the Children's Department, this service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

Family Welfare Service

This service is provided, with the parent's consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-on service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

Health Visitors

Miss M. Crosley	Mrs. V. Beail
Miss D. Lazell	Mrs. J. Hughes
Miss R. Stephenson	Miss M. Wilson

Child Welfare Centres and Clinics

Centre	Service	Day and Time
Red Cross Hall, Shipbourne Road	Child Welfare	Wed. P.M.
Baltic Road, Quarry Hill, (Tel. Tonbridge 2015)	Child Welfare	Fri. P.M.
	Relaxation Class (Midwives' Clinic)	Mon. P.M.
	Chiropody	Mon. A.M. & P.M. Tues. A.M & P.M. Weds. P.M. Thurs. A.M. & P.M. Fri. P.M.
	School Clinic	1st & 3rd Wed. A.M.
	Dental	Mon. Wed. Fri. A.M. & P.M.
	Ophthalmic	2nd & 4th Fri. A.M.
Church Hall, Cage Green	Child Welfare	2nd & 4th Mon. P.M.
Methodist Church Hall, Higham Lane	Child Welfare	Weds. P.M.
	Relaxation Class (Midwives' Clinic)	Mon. P.M.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Hospitals

The Hospital Management Committees of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the hospitals in the Joint Health Area are set out below:-

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee,
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23444

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Pembury Hospital
Kent and Sussex Hospital
The Homoeopathic Hospital
Tonbridge Cottage Hospital
Tunbridge Wells Maternity Hospital
Hawkenbury Hospital
Edenbridge & District Memorial Hospital
David Salomons House,Southborough

Cray Valley and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee,
Orpington Hospital, Orpington
Tel. Orpington 27050

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Sevenoaks Hospital
Emily Jackson Wing of Sevenoaks Hospital
Oak Lane Hospital, Sevenoaks
Sundridge Hospital

Chest Clinics

Address	Days	Times
Baltic Road, Tonbridge	Monday	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Pembury Hospital, Pembury	Wednesday	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Friday	All day
Sevenoaks Chest Clinic, Outpatients Department, Sevenoaks Hospital	Wednesday	Morning

Clinic for Treatment of Venereal Diseases

Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Tuesday (females)	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
	Tuesday (males)	11 a.m. to 12 noon

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

1. Water Supply

Until October 1st, 1969, the district was supplied by both the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company, and the Mid Kent Water Company. On the 1st October, however, the Sevenoaks andTonbridge Water Company took over all the areas of the Urban District previously supplied by the Mid Kent Water Company.

Supplies have been sufficient during the year and the quality, as shown by bacteriological examination, has been good.

Examination reports on water supplies taken during the year were as follows:-

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of samples	Satis-factory	Not satis-factory	No. of samples	Satis-factory	Not satis-factory
Statutory supply undertakings	20	20	-	1	1	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	2	2	-	2	2	-

All the dwelling houses, with the exception of one, are supplied by public water mains.

Mains extensions were carried out as follows:-

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company

A total of 3,879 yards of mains extensions were laid by the Company, within their Statutory Area, during 1969.

The Mid Kent Water Company

From 1st January to 30th September, 1969 the Company laid 737 yards of mains.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

Work was completed on the relief foul sewer to serve the north eastern area of the town, and also on the foul sewer to replace an old existing sewer across Potkiln Farm.

The design of the foul sewer relief scheme in the centre of the town has been completed, and it is hoped that the work will commence in the coming year.

The main foul sewer syphon under the River Medway, which was damaged during the floods in September, 1968, was replaced and put into operation during the year.

A detailed scheme for a new sewer under the railway station, in place of the old existing sewer, is nearly complete.

A scheme to increase the pumping capacity at the sewage disposal works was prepared during the year and the improvements should be carried out in the coming year.

3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

Controlled tipping of refuse continued throughout 1969 at the Vale Road Sewage Works Site. Ministry approval for tipping on the extension area at Priory Wood was received in May, 1969. Excavation of material from this site for use in the By-Pass construction was carried out from July until November, when weather conditions halted work for the winter period. Further excavation will be carried out in the Spring, and it is hoped to commence refuse tipping to refill the excavations in July, 1970.

Discussions have taken place with seven neighbouring authorities towards setting up a Joint Disposal Scheme for the South West Kent area.

The Council provided 17 dustbins under the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75 (3), and 49 dustbins previously supplied were replaced during the year.

4. Swimming Pools

Number of public swimming pools	1
Number of school swimming pools	7
Number of visits made during the year	35
Number of samples taken:	
Satisfactory	42
Unsatisfactory..	2

The unsatisfactory samples were due to difficulties in the supply of replacement units for a school pool. Missing parts were soon obtained and subsequent samples were satisfactory.

5. Inspection of the District

Number of complaints received and investigated	304
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	3,525
Informal Notices:	
Served during year...	171
Complied with during year	123
Statutory Notices:	
Served during year...	26
Complied with during year	
(a) by owners	24
(b) by Local Authority in default	-
Legal proceedings taken during year	2

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:

Housing	601
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	229
Visits to Food Premises	834
Swimming pools	35
Factories Act, 1961	134
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	134
Shops Act, 1950/65	5
Petroleum Act	179
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	58
Agriculture (Safety and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956	1
Pet Animals Act, 1951	5
Offensive Trades...	4
Caravan Sites	33
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	385
Noise Abatement	71
Infectious Disease Visits	29
Miscellaneous	788

6. Disinfestation

The following infestations were dealt with:-

Cockroaches 15; Ants 1; Bugs 3; Fleas 11;

Flies 4; Mites 2;

Twentyeight wasp nests were destroyed under the Council's scheme whereby a charge is made and, in addition, seven wasp nests on Council land were also destroyed.

7. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in District	11,909	18
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises inspected following notification)	528	1
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	206	-
(ii) Mice	79	-

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
3. (a)	Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notifications	121	18
(b)	Number infested by (i) Rats	27	5
	(ii) Mice	3	-

SEWERS

Sewer treatment was carried out during the year and a very minor infestation dealt with.

8. Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of registered premises ... ... Nil

9. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957

Number of licensed premises ... ... Nil

10. Agriculture (Safety & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

Number of inspections made 1

11. Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed 2

Number of visits made 5

12. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Number of dealers registered 6

13. Clean Air Act, 1956

The two stations for the volumetric recording of smoke and sulphur dioxide have continued throughout the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	6	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	100	34	5	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	28	107	6	-
Total	134	143	11	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	11	13	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11	13	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No.of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel:						
Making,etc.,	1	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	7	89	21
Retail Shops	15	196	37
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	3	8	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	4	18	4
Fuel storage depots	-	2	-
Totals	29	313	62

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act 134

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Contravention	No. found	Section	Contraventions	No. found
4	Cleanliness	2	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seats (sedentary workers)	-
6	Temperature	1	15	Eating facilities	-
7	Ventilation	-	16	Floors, passages & stairs	1
8	Lighting	1	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery	1
9	Sanitary Conveniences	2	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing facilities	2	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of drinking water	1	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing accommodation	1	24	First Aid General Provisions	4 5
				TOTAL	21

(C) Exemptions

Number of applications received ... ... Nil

Number of applications granted ... ... Nil

(D) Prosecutions

Number instituted and completed during the year ... ... Nil

(E) Reported Accidents

Workplace	Number Reported	Total Number Investigated	Action Recommended			No. Action
			Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal advice	
Offices	1	1	-	-	1	-
Retail Shops	3	1	-	-	-	1
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	1	1	-	-	1	-
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	6	3	-	-	2	1

Analysis of Reported Accidents

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel Storage Depots
Machinery	-	1	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	1	-	-
Falls of persons	-	1	-	1	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person	-	-	-	-	-
Handling goods	-	1	-	-	-
Struck by falling object	-	-	-	-	-
Fires and Explosions	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools	-	-	-	-	-
Not otherwise specified	1	-	-	-	-

HOUSING

(A) Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

Number of houses rendered fit after service of notices:

	Section 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act, 1957		Public Health and similar Local Acts		Totals	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
(a) By Owner	-	1	13	-	13	1
(b) By Local Authority	-	-	70	-	70	-
Totals	-	1	83	-	83	1

(B) Beyond Repair - Housing Act, 1957

Number of	(i)	Undertakings accepted (Section 16)	5
	(ii)	Closing Orders made (Section 17)	1
	(iii)	Demolition Orders made (Section 17)	3
	(iv)	Closing Orders made (Section 18)	-
	(v)	Closing Orders determined (Section 27) ...	-
	(vi)	ClosingOrders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted (Section 28)	-
	(vii)	Houses demolished following Demolition Orders or Undertakings	2
	(viii)	Informal agreements to demolish	10

(C) Clearance Areas

(1) Represented during Year

(i)	Number of areas	3
(ii)	Houses unfit for human habitation	13
(iii)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-
(iv)	Houses on land acquired under 43(2)	5
(v)	Numbers of people to be displaced (a) Individuals	31
	(b) Families	15

(2) Action taken during the Year.

(i) Houses demolished by Local Authorities or Owners	(a) Unfit	-
	(b) Others	-
(ii) Numbers of people displaced	(a) Individuals	20
	(b) Families...	9

(3) Purchase of houses by agreement ... ... -

(D) Improvement Grants

(1) Standard

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(i) Number of applications received	31	3
(ii) Number of applications approved	23	3
(iii) Number of applications refused	-	-
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	23	3

	£	s	d
(v) Amount paid in grants	3,777.	9.	4.
(vi) Average grant per house	130.	5.	1.

(vii) Amenities provided

(a) fixed bath	25
(b) shower	-
(c) wash hand basin	26
(d) hot water supply (to any fittings)	28
(e) water closet (1) within dwelling	26
(2) accessible from dwelling	-
(f) food store	21

(2) Discretionary

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(i) Number of applications received	6	-
(ii) Number of applications approved	6	-
(iii) Number of applications refused	-	-
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	6	-

	£	s	d
(v) Amount paid in grants	308.	15.	11.
(vi) Average grant per house	308.	15.	11.

(E) Improvement Areas - Housing Act, 1964

(1) Number of Areas (a) Surveyed ... ... Nil

(b) Declared ... ... Nil

(2) Dwellings outside improvement areas

(i) Number of representations made by tenants ... 2

(ii) Number of preliminary notices served 2

(iii) Number of undertakings accepted 1

(iv) Number of immediate improvement notices served ... ... -

(v) Number of such dwellings improved

(a) full standard ... -

(b) reduced standard ... -

(F) Houses in Multiple Occupation

No houses falling into this category were inspected during year.

Land Charge Enquiries

A total of 1,056 land charge enquiries were received and dealt with during 1969.

Caravans (as at 31st December, 1969)

Number of site licences in force	1
Total number of caravans permitted on licensed site	100

Common Lodging Houses

Number registered in District	Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supplies

(a)

Number of registered distributors		31
Number of registered dairies -	wholesale	-
	retail	3

(b) Milk Sampling

	Number of Samples Taken	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples
Untreated	3	-
Pasteurised	8	-
Sterilised	-	-

2. Ice Cream

Number of premises registered

(a) for the manufacture of ice cream	1
(b) for the sale of ice cream	82

Results of samples taken:

Grade 1	26
Grade 2	-
Grade 3	1

3. Premises registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Foods

Classification	Number on Register
Manufacture of sausages	8
Fish Frying	2
Cooking of Hams	7
Processed Meat Products	6

4. Slaughterhouses

There are no slaughterhouses in the Tonbridge Urban District

5. Food Premises subject to The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Category of Trade	Number in District	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (wash basins)	Number to which Reg. 19 applies (provision of sinks etc.,)	Number fitted to comply with Reg.19
Cafes,Restaurants and Canteens	52	52	52	52
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Sec.16 Food & Drugs Act,excluding ice cream)	23	23	23	23
Food factories and wholesalers	2	2	2	2
Fried Fish Shops	2	2	2	2
Bakers and Confectioners	34	34	34	34
Butchers	14	14	14	14
Fishmongers	5	4	5	5
Grocers and Mixed	44	44	44	44
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	21	21	21	21
Licensed premises and Clubs	47	47	47	47

One industrial canteen was completely rebuilt on modern lines during the year. A major supermarket was built and opened in December, while another supermarket was completely renovated and re-equipped following the 1968 flooding.

After many warnings proceedings were initiated against 8 persons for offences under the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966, in respect of stalls at the Saturday Market. Fines of £87.0.0d. and costs of 30 guineas were awarded.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the Tonbridge Urban District during the year ended 31st December, 1969.

	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory
Milk	12	-
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese)...	3	-
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes ...	4	-
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals	11	-
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials ...	11	-
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies...	4	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit, and vegetables	8	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	6	1
Drugs, medicines	7	2
Beer, wines, spirits	7	1
Miscellaneous	5	-
	78	4

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Season All

Contained Maize Starch. Label amended.

Sore Mouth Pastilles (2 samples)

Deficient in Glycerine. Under investigation.

Vodka

Slightly under proof. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

6. Poultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises within the District ... ... Nil

7. Unsound Food

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Meat	1	1	27	-
Tinned Foods	2	-	13	15
Other Food	9	-	27	12

The method of disposal of condemned foods is by burial at the refuse tip.

8. Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year.